

In claims 11 and 36, line 2, delete "1" and substitute therefore  
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Please cancel claims 1 and 46.

In the Specification:

~ Please add the following Abstract as new page 42.

"Abstract

An article of equipment intended to be submerged in molten zinc, molten aluminum and mixtures thereof, said article containing an alloy material comprised of:

	<u>Percent</u>
Carbon	1.6 - 2.6
Chromium	15.0 - 30.0
Tungsten	10.0 - 30.0
Molybdenum	2.0 - 8.0
Iron	10.0 - 50.0

and including, vanadium, niobium, cobalt, boron, and manganese and being substantially free of silicon."

Remarks

Re-consideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. Support for the above amendments can be found at the Table bridging pages 23-24; page 15, lines 6-23; and the Table at page 24.

Claims 1, 46 and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor at the time the application was filed had possession of the claimed invention. Applicant has canceled claim 46. Furthermore, Applicant has amended claim 49 to provide proper correspondence with the specification regarding the chromium content.

With regard to claim 1, Applicant notes the specification teaches that silicon should be excluded. Accordingly, it is clear from the specification that silicon should be avoided. However, in reference to the examples, it is noted that the silicon is listed as "-" in its analysis thereof. Moreover, while silicon is preferably avoided, it is a typical constituent